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Dear Fellow Member of the Newark Community:

Social disorganization, physical decay and riots in our streets are costly to everyone and with all the creative resources at our command these threats to our business and social life are needless. The most important ingredient in this regard is building the unity or sense of empowerment of the masses of our black citizens so they can become self-respecting and fully self-sustaining members of Newark and every other city in America.

All of us in Newark are honored to be hosts of a National aggregation of the most brilliant and able black men and black women in America who will be assembled here at The Cathedral House, 24 Rector Street at a 3 day workshop meeting July 20-23. These outstanding black men and black women from every area of interest and discipline, some representing organizations and others only themselves, are joining together to think through ways toward self-development in the same manner all other ethnic groups have had to do for the good of America. I would like to name for you some of those who will be participating in this workshop:

Mr. Lerone Bennett, Sr. Editor of Ebony Magazine
Mr. Hoyt Fuller, Editor of Negro Digest
Mr. James Farmer, Former head of CORE
Mr. Floyd McKissick, National Chairman of CORE
Prof. Nathan Hare, Prof. of Sociology, Howard University
Mr. Vincent Harding, Spellman College
Prof. Charles Hamilton, Head of Sociology Dept., Roosevelt University
Mr. Al Black, Chairman, Newark Commission on Human Rights
Mrs. Grace Malone, Director of Welfare for Newark

These are some of the persons invited to participate in this conference on black power.

The development of self-pride and self-respect not only will eliminate the disruptive and costly social disorders that threaten Newark and other cities, but it will also enable our community business to grow and thrive by having everyone share their own load. Every business and religious community enterprise in Newark has much at stake in this endeavor. Thus a number of persons working with the social problems in Newark have gotten together as a host committee to help in every way possible to make this national gathering a success, particularly for Newark.

Part of our host committee's efforts will be the preparation of a welcoming journal of which you, as a responsible member of this business, social and religious community, should be a part. We are asking that you help us and yourselves by including a message of welcome from your business or religious organization in the journal. The welcoming message costs are \$30.00 for one-quarter of a page, \$55.00 for one-half page and \$100.00 for a full page. Checks should be made payable to the Newark Welcoming Committee and addressed to my office, 910-12 McCarter Highway, Newark, N.J. 07102. All proceeds will be used for defraying the expenditures for a constructive and creative conference on black power.

We think you will agree that your support of this vital endeavor in this manner is modest in terms of the alternatives facing our city and our nation.

Please let us hear from you right away.

Sincerely yours,

Ulysses B. Blakeley /g

Ulysses B. Blakeley, Chairman,
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